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DA Bragg announces guilty plea of executive and company in wide-ranging construction fraud

January 9, 2024, New York, NY -- Manhattan District Attorney Alvin L. Bragg, Jr. today announced the guilty pleas of LAWRENCE WECKER, 83, and his company JM3 CONSTRUCTION LLC, for engaging in multiple criminal schemes to increase revenues to the detriment of its workers and fair market competition within the construction industry ...

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AG James announces arrest of medical biller who stole more than \$1M

January 3, 2024, New York, NY -- New York Attorney General Letitia James today announced the arrest and arraignment of Amrish Patel, 61, of Monroe Township, New Jersey, for allegedly stealing more than \$1 million that was intended to be paid directly to doctors who provided medical care to injured workers under the New York State Workers' Compensation Law ...

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AUTO UNDERWRITING

January 3, 2024, Westbury, NY -- An Orange County man was arrested after being accused of applying for car insurance using a fake address. Orange County District Attorney David Hoovler said Wednesday that Victor Coles, 35, of Westbury, was arrested and charged with fourth-degree insurance fraud, a felony ...

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JUDICIAL

Court says bulk of GEICO's \$2.3M fraud case against New Jersey and New York clinics belongs in arbitration

January 5, 2024, New York, NY -- Insurer GEICO has been dealt a setback in its efforts to get back \$2.3 million in what it alleges were fraudulent medical and chiropractic service charges it paid to several clinics under New Jersey's no-fault insurance law ...

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Aon given more time to respond to Clear Blue lawsuit over Vesttoo

January 3, 2024, New York, NY -- Insurance and reinsurance broking giant Aon has been given an extended time-frame to respond to the complaint filed against it in the New York Supreme Court by fronting specialist Clear Blue Insurance, in relation to the reinsurance letter of credit (LOC) fraud perpetrated by insurtech Vesttoo ...

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PUBLIC AWARENESS

Elaine Fronhofer: Medicare Advantage policies put profits over people's care

January 7, 2024, New York, NY -- Al Norman's Jan. 2 guest column "Medicare Advantage, and disadvantages" focused on an issue that other local activists, including Valley Action and allied Indivisible groups in New York, have been hard at work on for nearly a year. Thanks to his observations,

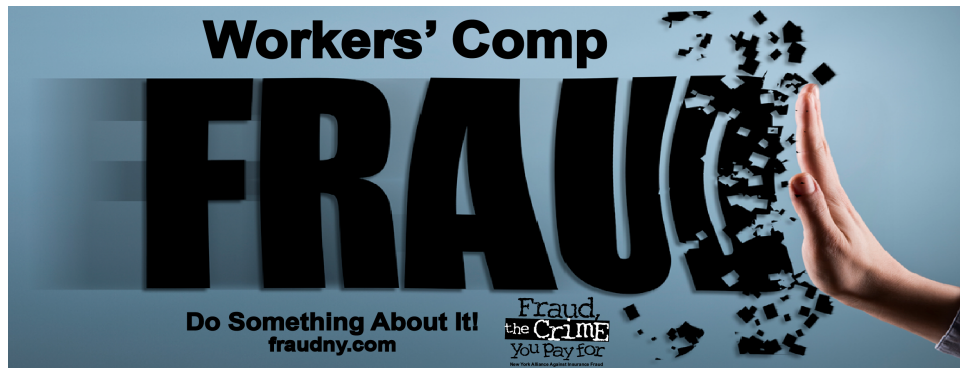
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INSIDER INSURER

Class action lawsuit including New York resident alleging fraud against State Farm to continue

December 28, 2023, New York, NY -- Than 20 plaintiffs over underpaid actual cash value (ACV) on total loss vehicles. Plaintiffs allege State Farm paid out 4-11% less than what was owed by applying a discount, or “typical negotiation adjustment,” to the ACV of aggregated used vehicle internet prices similar to the ones involved in the claims. The suit calls this practice “a fraudulent scheme” and a breach of their insurance policy contracts ...

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